

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Centre for African Studies

7 October, 1968

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- 1) Prof. Savage outlined the history of the Centre, in particular the understandings between the Centre and the Departments of History, Political Science, Sociology and Modern Languages as well as the relationship with CUSO.
- 2) Montreal African Seminar Professor Porter agreed to contact Prof. Charles at the University of Montreal in order to get the seminar on the road again. Sunday night meetings were approved by all present.
- 3) Courses
  - i. History, the honours seminar in African nationalism will be offered in 1969-70.
  - ii. Political Science, no major changes foreseen by Professor Porter. When Professor Porter has discussed his courses with the Political Science Department, there will be a further report. The possibility of an evening course was also discussed.
  - iii. Sociology, Professor Henry indicated that he would be suggesting to the Sociology Department that he offer in 1969-70 a half-course in the Sociology of Developing Countries. Professor Savage expressed the hope that the sociology programme could be so arranged that students might be able to take the new course in the Sociology of Developing Areas and the existing course, Sociology 204 (Minority Group Relations) in the same academic year. Professor Henry also indicated that he would be interested in giving a course on the Social Problems of Developing Countries in the summer of 1969.
  - iv. Anthropology, Professor Savage reported that Professor Tascone had requested that attempts be made to secure Professor Rolland and Professor Savage will write to find out if he is available. Subsequent to the meeting Professor Tascone also asked Prof. Savage to advertise the anthropology post at the A.S.A. meeting.
  - v. Mr. Kyulule was asked to recommend a successor to himself for 1969-70.
  - vi. Philosophy, Prof. Porter agreed to informally discuss with Professor Egan whether or not the Philosophy Department is interested in a successor to Dr. Schram.
  - vii. Theology, Prof. Savage agreed to approach Fr. O'Brien to see whether progress had been made in connection with a course on Islam.
  - viii. Economics, Prof. Savage agreed to approach Professor Alvi to see whether or not a follow-up course could be arranged for students who have taken Economics 303.

4. Relations with other universities Professor Savage proposed and those present agreed that the Centre should seek closer association either with Sir George Williams or the Université de Montréal or both in order to secure a graduate programme and access to funds.  
N.B. The Senate has previously authorized such discussions.
5. Library Arrangements with other libraries (McGill, Sir George Williams, Montreal, and the Centre de Documentation) were outlined by Profs. Savage and Moore.  
The Victorian collection of the Fraser-Hickson Library on Somerled was also mentioned. Life membership is \$5.00.
6. Book orderings
  - i. Book ordering may proceed on account of the grant by the Canada Council to the Centre. Book orders should be checked against the file in the History office (Mrs. Holden-secretary) and sent to Prof. Savage.
  - ii. Books from the African collection which are misplaced or mislabelled in the library should be returned to Mrs. Boucher in the Order Dept. or a note sent to Dr. Savage.
  - iii. The Centre will be submitting an application to the Canada Council for a renewed grant. This money will be for the book collection and for specific projects, particularly in connection with East and South Africa as per our understanding with the other universities. Please have requests in by October 31st.
  - iv. Prof. Savage will discuss the matter of the special collections librarian with Mr. Trowsdale.
7. Research
  - Prof. Porter indicated that he was considering application for research money to allow a comparative study of Tanzania and Algeria.
  - Prof. Henry indicated that he had made contact with the University of Ibadon and expected to undertake research in 1970-71.
  - Prof. Savage suggested that applications to the Canada Council and elsewhere be made with the support of the Centre, thus in all likelihood increasing the chances of success.
  - Prof. Savage raised the matter of a research contract with CUSO and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Adjourned to October 28th at the same time.

cc: Fr. Malone, Mr. Duder, Fr. MacGuigan, Profs. Blonar, Habib, Porter, Henry, Moore, Kyulule, Savage, Adams, Tascone.